

DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



Recycling the Commonwealth
The [Brownfield Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

Flood Debris Removal Procedures

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) has specific guidelines for proper disposal of woody and vegetative debris left in the aftermath of severe storms. Kentuckians should contact their local solid waste coordinator to learn if storm debris will be picked up curbside or if debris must be taken to a designated location. The Division of Waste Management has a [fact sheet](#) on proper disposal of storm debris.

Guidelines for the Period After a Flood

The following are important guidelines for the period following a flood:

- Listen for news reports to learn whether the community's water supply is safe to drink.
- Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or raw sewage. Water may also be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Avoid moving water.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to the power company.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
- Use extreme caution when entering buildings; there may be hidden damage, particularly in foundations.
- Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits and leaching systems as soon as possible. Damaged sewage systems are serious health hazards.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage and chemicals.

For more information, see http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/fl_after.shtm.

FEMA Offers Tips for Flood Victims

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers tips for cleaning up after flood waters recede from your area. To view these tips, see <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/return.shtm>.

Wastewater Systems Affected by the May 2010 Floods

The Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System program requires monitoring and data collection that is to be submitted on a Discharge Monitoring



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities under represented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving beyond compliance to environmental leadership.

Report (DMR). If conditions prevent monitoring, it is acceptable to utilize a No Data Indicator Code (NODI) to be recorded in the no discharge box in the upper righthand corner of the DMR. The Division of Water Surface Water Permit Branch suggests systems place a "K" in the box, and in the comments field, write in "Flood Disaster."

The NODI Code should only be used if a representative sample is not obtainable due to flooding conditions, i.e. plant flooded out, discharge pipe submerged, etc. If the system is continuing to process and discharge, even increased flows, the facility should continue to sample and report.

To view the fact sheet providing the procedures to use during flooding events, [click here](#).

Hazardous Waste Generators: Did Your Emergency Planning Cover Flooding?

Given recent flooding events, the Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) would like to remind hazardous waste generators of their emergency planning provisions under RCRA. Now is a great time to review and update your plans as necessary.

Small quantity generators (SQG) and large quantity generators (LQG) have specific requirements placed on them under RCRA so that they are prepared for emergencies involving hazardous waste. These requirements are recommended for conditionally exempt small-quantity generators, but not required.

1. You should have an adequate internal alarm or communication system in place. Voice is okay for small facilities.
2. You should also designate an emergency coordinator and an alternate who is on the premises or on call at all times.
3. You must post emergency information by the phone. It should be right by the phone. This emergency information should include the name, office and home phone numbers and address of the emergency coordinator. Particular attention should be paid to outside hazardous waste sheds to make sure that employees can call for emergency assistance quickly and easily since in many cases there is no phone in the shed.
4. You should ensure adequate aisle space for emergency response, adequate water for fire fighting and have available properly maintained fire extinguishers and alarms, spill control material and decontamination supplies.
5. You should make advanced emergency arrangements with the police and fire departments, emergency response teams, equipment suppliers and emergency contractors and hospitals.

Finally, LQGs only are required to prepare a written contingency plan, which is designed to minimize hazards from fires, explosions or any unplanned release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents into the environment. It is recommended for SQGs, but not required. SQGs are only required to establish basic safety guidelines and response procedures. This written contingency plan must be kept on-site, and an additional copy must be submitted to all local emergency service providers.

For more information, contact the Hazardous Waste Branch at

www.waste.ky.gov.

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